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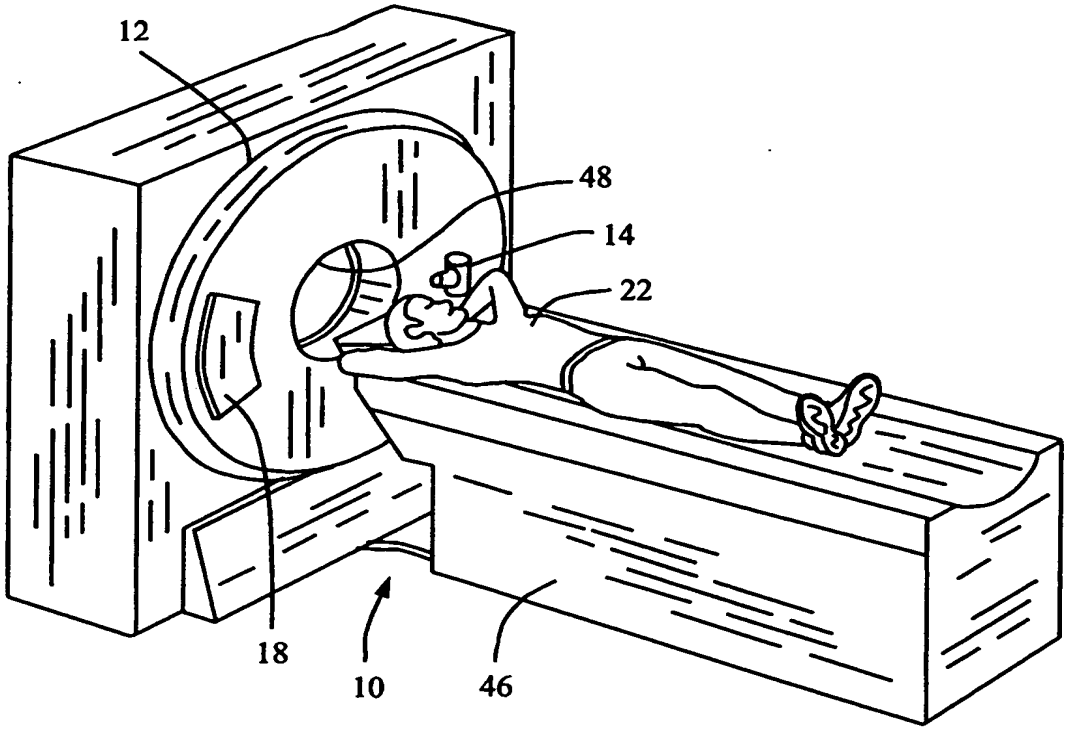
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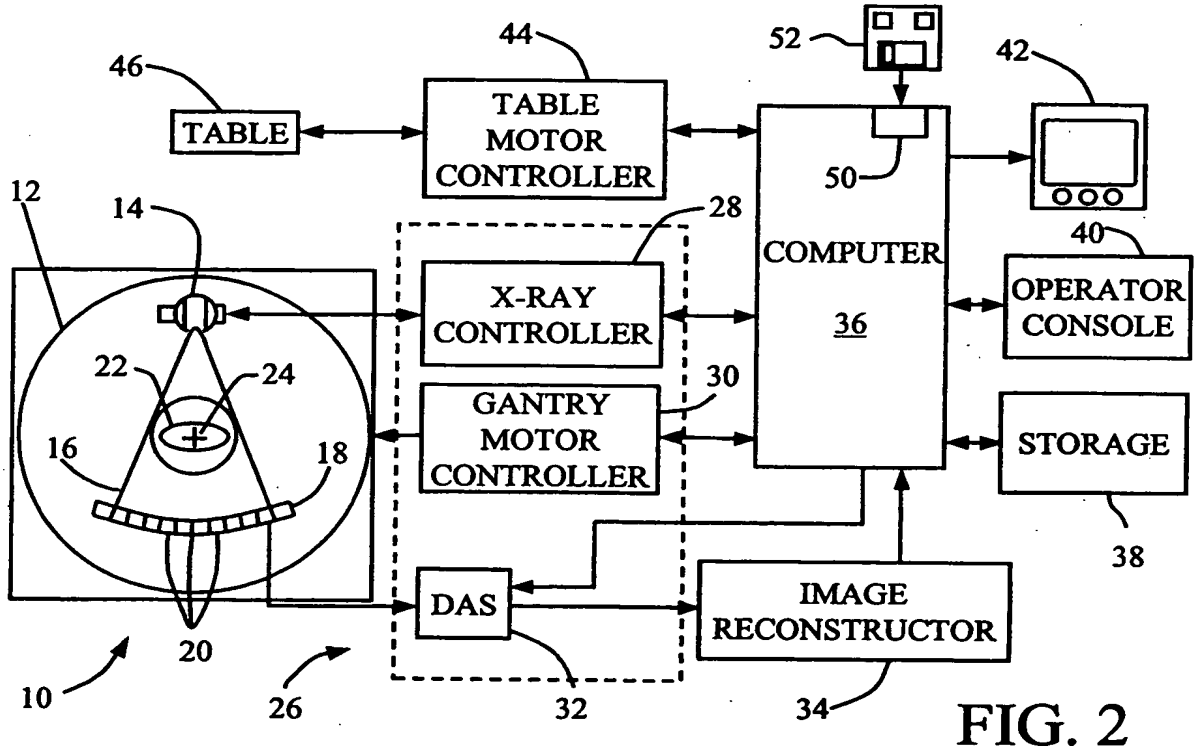
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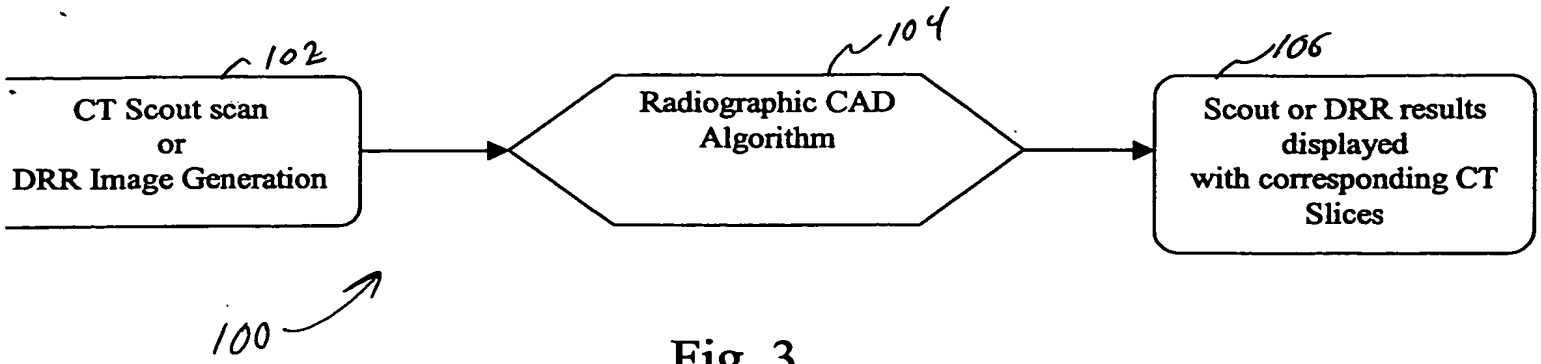
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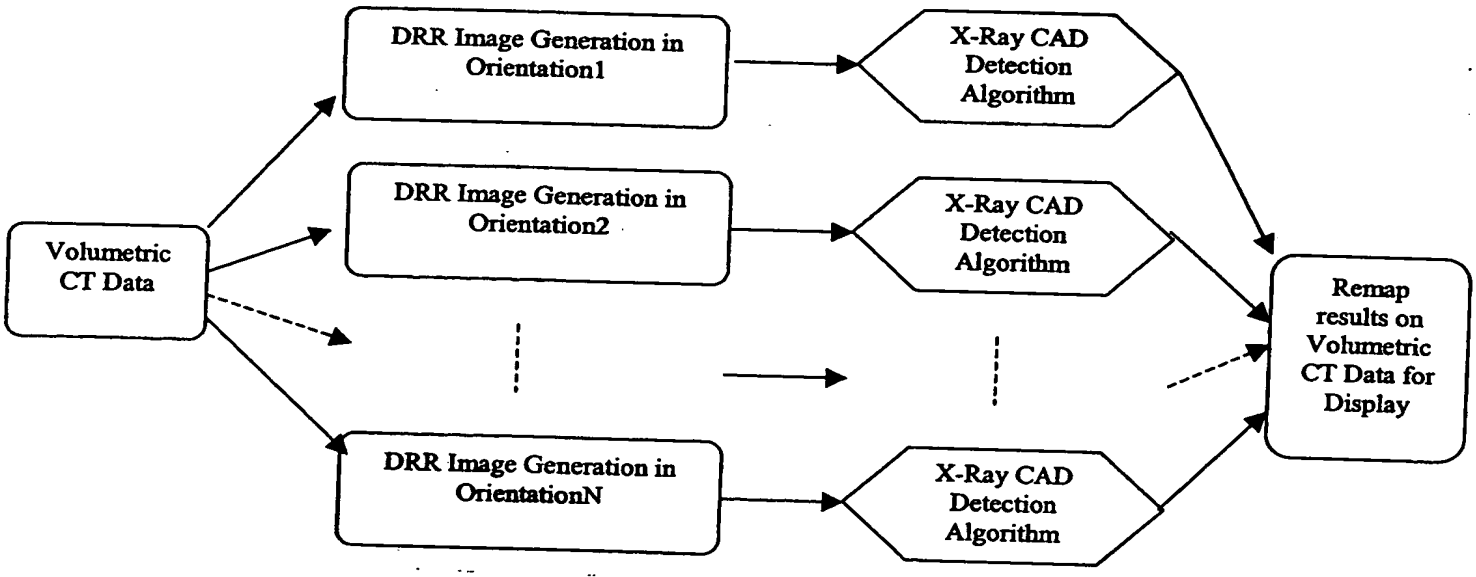
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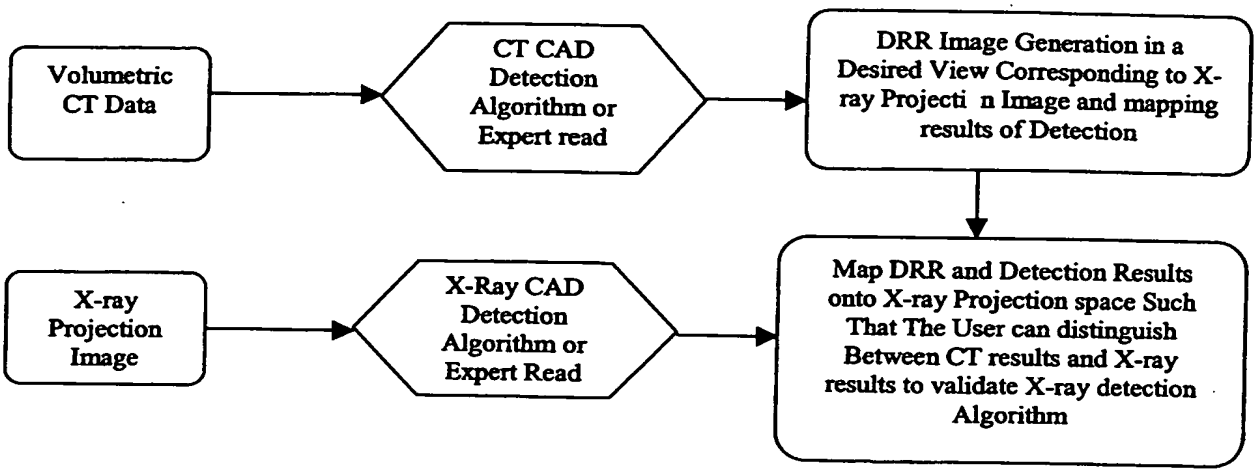
Volumetric CT Data
CT CAD Detection Algorithm or Expert read
DRR Image Generation in a Desired View Corresponding to X-ray Projecti n Image and mapping results of Detection
X-ray Projection Image
X-Ray CAD Detection Algorithm or Expert Read
Map DRR and Detection Results onto X-ray Projection space Such That The User can distinguish Between CT results and X-ray results to validate X-ray detection Algorithm

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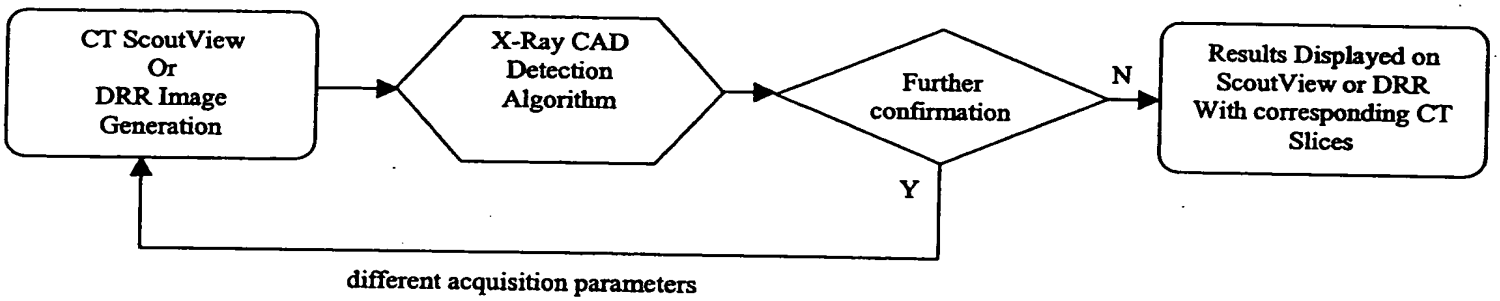
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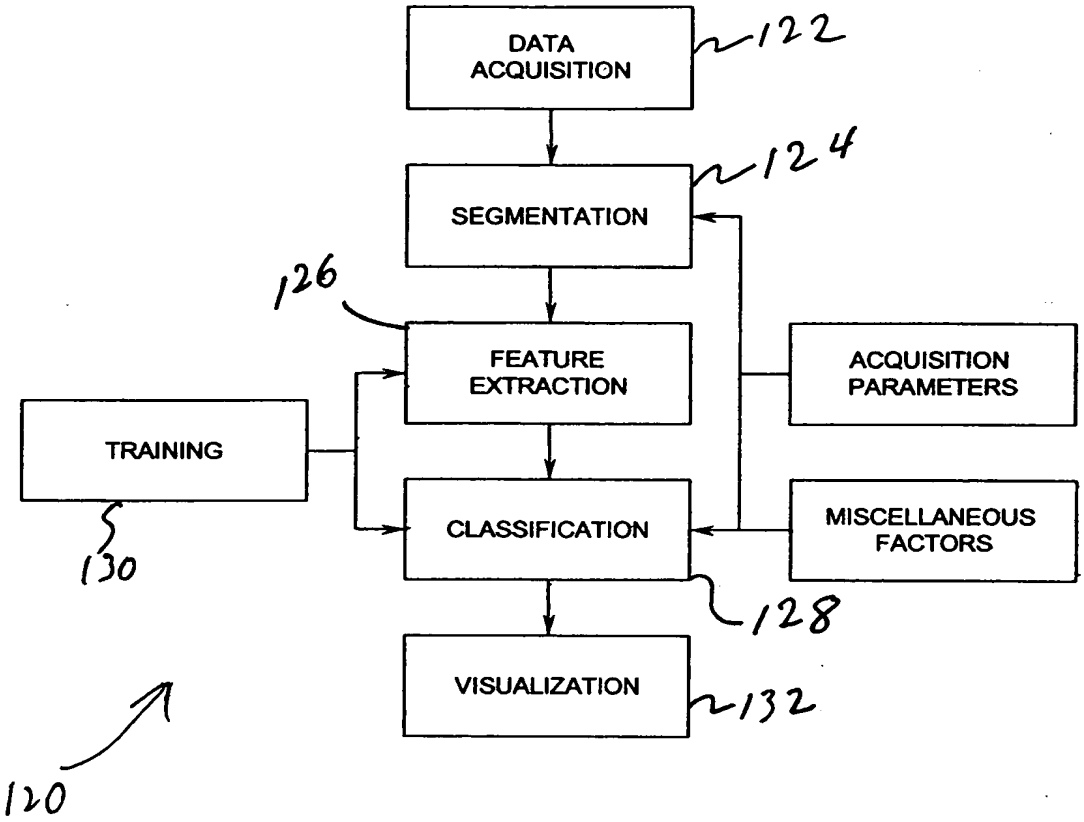

Figure 7. Schematic of CAD process

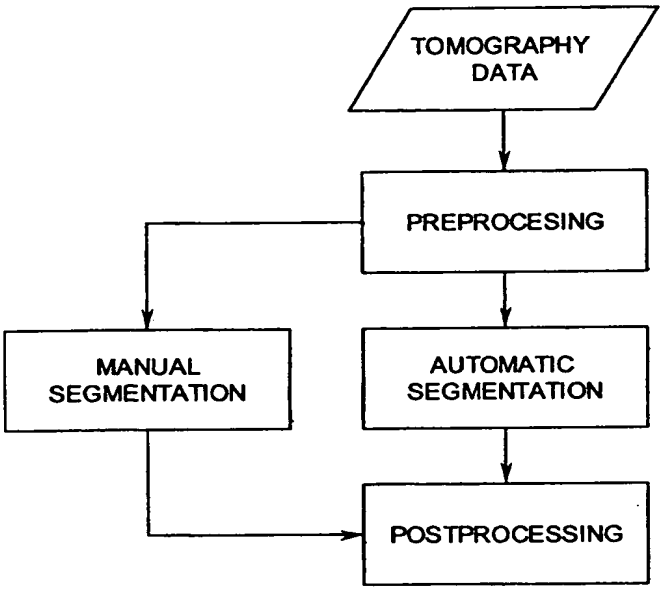

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Figure 8. Segmentation process for data.

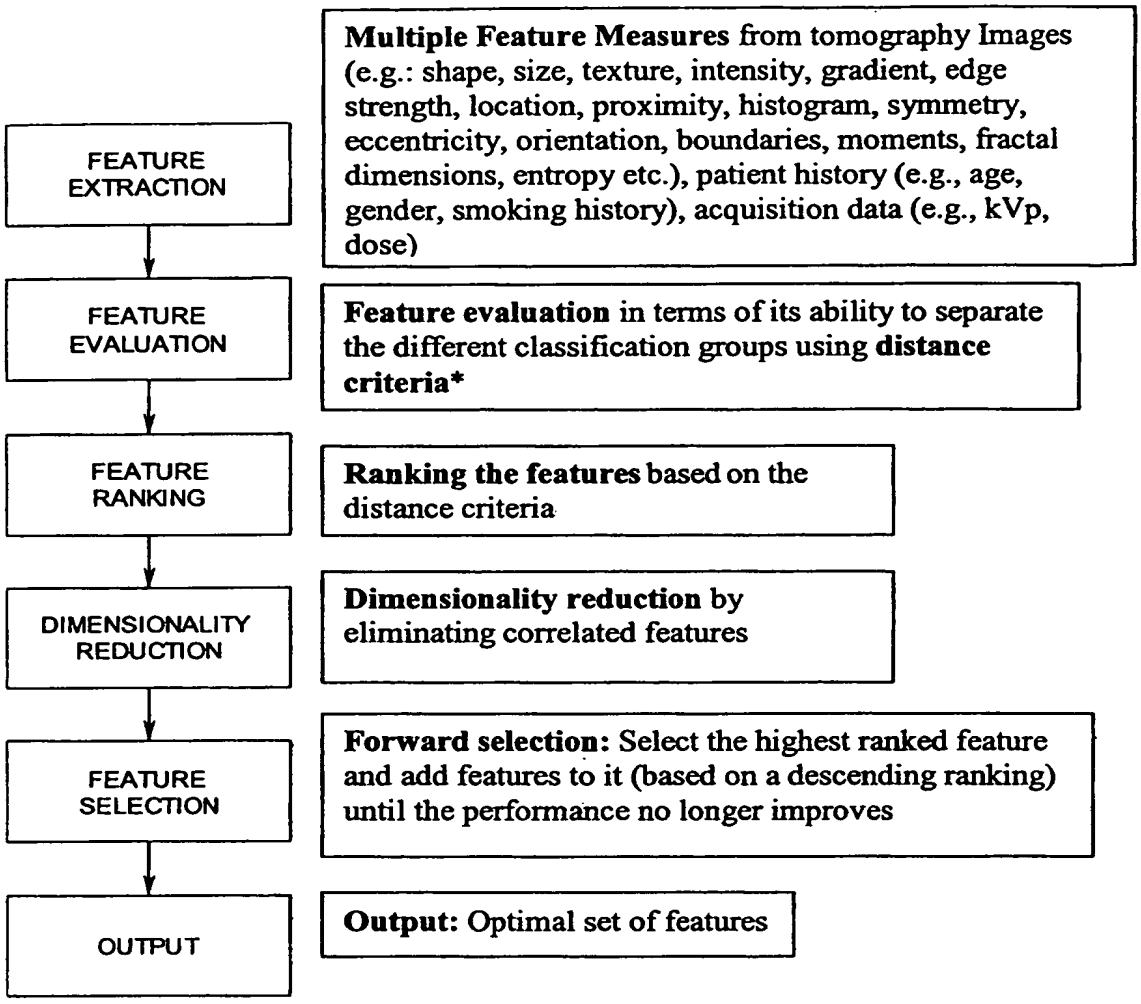

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Figure 9. Feature selection process for data.

* Several different distance criteria can be used: Divergence, Bhattacharya distance, Mahalanobis distance. These techniques are described in standard textbooks including: K. Fukanaga, Introduction to Statistical Pattern Recognition. Academic Press, 2nd ed., 1990.

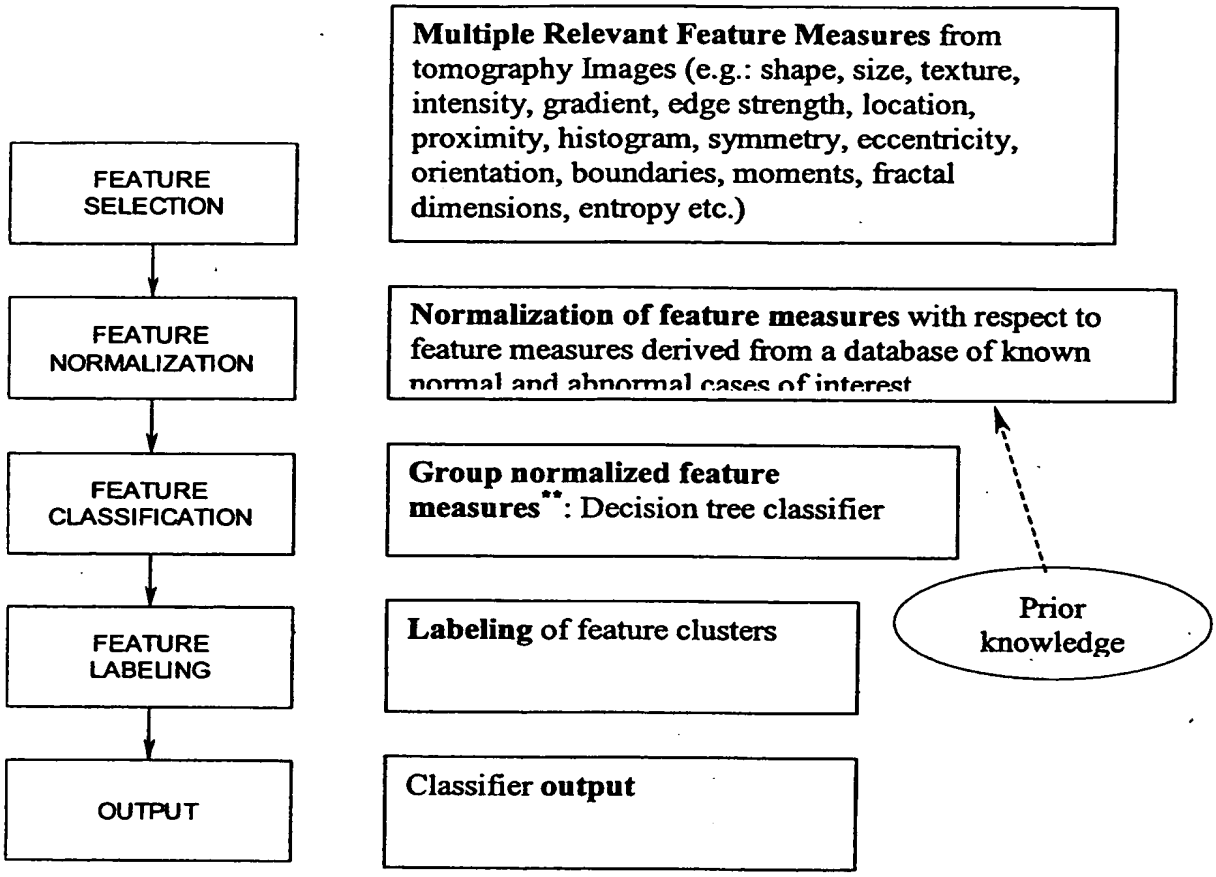

Figure 10. Feature classification process for tomographic data.

** Several different methods can be used: Decision tree analysis, discriminant function analysis, Bayes' minimum-risk method, clustering techniques, similarity measure approach. These techniques are described in standard textbooks including: Fundamentals of digital image processing by Anil K. Jain, Prentice Hall (1988).